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THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOULE:

The Excellencie of CHRIST JESVS, *treated on.*

Wherein the faithfull people of God may finde comfort for their Souls.

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THE IMMORTALITY OF *The SOVLE.*

What will it profit a man to win the whole world and to lose his own soule? saith our glorious Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, the soule of man is a spirituall, immortall, substance which did flow from God, and cannot die with the body, but returne to God that gave it, unlesse it rebell against his Father and Maker, his laws and true Church, and hath no true lively faith to save himselfe by applying Christs righteousnesse to himselfe by a lively faith; then the se souls must die the everliving death of torment, but God made the soule of man righteous, but he hath sought to himselfe many inventions: the bodies of all men must turn to dust again untill the day of the Lord come, and then shall the dead heare the voice of the Sonne of God, and shall stand up in more strength and spirituall power, and meet our Lord Jesus to be judged, every one according to our faith and workes. The body of man hath five senses, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and feeling; the living and immortall soule hath in him understanding and knowledge, the will and the remembrance, imagnptions, the affections and wisdome to rule the senses of the body and the evill lusts of the soule, which joyne with the body to sinfull actions, but let wisdome, and grace and knowledge look up to God for help and strength to withstand them, and as the body hath hands and feet, so hath the living soule in him many faculties: Faith is a vertue of the soule, unbeliefe is a vice, humility is a vertue of the soule, pride is a vice, the love of God and his

Mat.16.26.

Psal.31.8.

Eccles.12.7.

Luke 23.43.

Saints a vertue of the ſoule, hatred a vice, zeal for Gods glory and true worſhip a vertue of the ſoule, coldneſſe a vice, truth a vertue, lying a vice, mercie a vertue, cruelty a vice, charity a vertue of the ſoule, envie a vice, thankfulneſſe a vertue of the ſoule, unthankfulneſſe a vice bounty and freeneſſe of minde of the gifts which we have received of God, riches or knowledge are both of them a vertue of the ſoule, covetouſneſſe, and hiding Gods talents in the earth, a vice ſpeaking honourably of God, and of the word of God, a vertue of the ſoule: ſwearing curſing, blaſphemie, and mocking of the word of God, great vices of the ſoule: wit, policy, valour, ſound judgement and diſcerning of ſpirits are Gods good gifts, and ſhould be uſed well: thus the ſoule, the ſpirituall ſubſtance, the immortall ſoule, the holy Image of God before mans fall, which God did breath into man and made him righteous and excellent in knowledge, but now the children of wrath by *Adams* fall and originall ſin, but the ſoules of the faithfull are renewed by Jeſus Chriſt our glorious Lord and Saviour, and ſhall be made perfect in heaven for ever more: For the ſoules of the Saints ſhall ſodainly come from heaven again, to the body in love and peace, ſaying, as it were, *Ariſe, my loving friend and deer companion, the day of Chriſt our King is come, the darke winter of trouble and ſorrow perſecution, ſickneſſe, poverty and death is ſelfe is gone, come ſee thy glorious Lord and Saviour Chriſt Jeſus which redeemed thee, with all his holy company of Saints and Angels, come lift up thy head, and receive thy acquittance from all thy ſins, and live in glory for ever.* But ungodly, faithleſſe men which have done ill, griefe, the worme of conſcience ſhall bite them, ſaying, *who ſhall hide us from the wrath of the Judge?* but the godly redeemer ſhall comfort them ſaying, *Come ye bleſſed of my Father, receive an eternall Kingdome, and enter into your Maſters joy:* All glory, and thanks, and praiſe be unto God, for all his free mercie and gifts, both now and for ever more.

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CHRIST JESVS.

THe soule of man is a noble spirituall creature, created of God to obey him, as was *Adam* and *Eva* in Paradice, but the Devill by temptations, quickly spoyled his innocent righteous soul, defaced Gods Image, and then his shining body became miserable and naked, his perfect soul became miserable sinfull and ignorant; then were their souls and bodies to dye the death naturall and eternall for ever: but then the mercy and love of God appeared and promised, *that the seed of the woman should breake the Serpents head*; this was our glorious Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus which came in due time to restore Gods Image, and to destroy the works of the Devill, to suffer and satisfie Gods justice for the sins of all the believing world, which lay hold on him by a lively faith, to ingraft them into himselfe to adopt and make them his beloved children and heires of the Kingdome of heaven: for Christ Jesus our glorious Lord and Saviour is the only Son of God, in whom alone he is well pleased; he is the naturall son of God begotten begotten before the starrs appeared, hee is the graven form of God, the brightnesse of the glory, the Image of the invisible God, the first begotten Son of God, begotten before all worlds, God of Gods very God of very God, coeternall with the Father & with the holy Ghost, he is the head of the Church, and in him all fulnesse dwelleth; *thy seat, ô Christ! endureth for ever: the scepter of thy Kingdome doth maintain righteousnesse. The Lord said unto my Lord, sit on my right hand, until I make thy foes a stool whereon thy feet may stand*: Christ Jesus is the mighty Lion of the tribe of *Judah*, which overcame the roaring and devouring Lion the Devill; *He is the Lambe of God which was slain for our sins, and taketh away the sins of the world, hee is the mighty God, the Prince of peace, which trod the winepresse of the wrath of God alone, and con-*

quered death hell, and the grave, and the infernall ſpirits, and hee aroſe and ſuſtained himſelf by his own power and ſtrength, and ſits at the right hand of the glory of God for ever. Chriſt Jeſus was promiſed to *Adam* and *Evah*, to *Abraham* and to *David*, he was propheſied by *Enoch*, *Jacob*, *Moſes*, *Eſay* *Jeremiah*, *Daniell* *Zachariah*, by all the Prophets; and hee was typed out by *Iſaak*, *Samſon*, *Salomon*, *Jonah*, and the brazen Serpent in the Wilderneſſe, Chriſt Jeſus our Lord and Saviour was wayted and looked for of all the faithfull from the beginning of the World: and when he was come all his Apoſtles beare witneſſe of him both in life, death and writing; the Angels from Heaven bring joyfull tydings, and beare witneſſe of him: Chriſts wondrous works beare witneſſe of him, God the Father from Heaven beare witneſſe of him, his workes beare witneſſe of him, and ſhall judge men at the laſt day; thouſands of Martyrs have ſhed their deereſt bloud in defence of this truth, Chriſts Preachers by the holy Ghoſt preach his Word, and him the innocent bloud of the children which *Herod* ſlue were Martyrs for him, Chriſt and his Apoſtles and Deacons, great works and miracles beare witnes of him; Five hundred Brethren at once ſaw him riſen again, the Angels beare witneſſe of his reſurrection. Chriſts Apoſtles beare witneſſe of him, and did eat and drink with him after he was riſen. Againe, before that *Mary* ſayw him, and cryeth out, Maſter, and *Thomas* felt his hands and his ſides, and cryeth out, *My Lord, and God*; and after hee had beene ſeene of them the ſpace of forty days, he gathered together his Apoſtles, and promiſed them to ſend the holy Ghoſt to comfort them, and then hee aſcends to Heaven before their faces, where he ſits at the right hand of God in glory untill he come again, to render vengeance to his enemies, which perſecute and wrong his Saints, and will not obey the Gotpell of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; and then will Chriſt Jeſus gather his Saints and faithfull people from the Eaſt to Weſt, and from all places, with thouſands of mighty, quick and ſtrong Angels and bring to reſt in Heaven for ever: Chriſt Jeſus our Lord and Saviour was alſo ſhadowed out by thouſands of burnt offerings of Bullocks, Goats, Lambes and fruits for ſin-offerings and peace-offerings in all ages from the beginning of the World before Chriſts comming, whoſe bloud and the blould of the paſchall Lambe which were

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slain by hundred thousands every yeere, was a shadow and a finger of the precious bloud of our glorious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which willingly offered up himself once for all, whose bloud is a sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole World, if they had the grace to lay hold on him by a lively faith, but his death and merits shall save none of them but the faithfull, and condemne the wicked Rebels because Christ was offered, and they would not regard him: *Christ our High Priest is entred into Heaven, and maketh daily intercession for us:* Now wee need not to offer the bloud of Buls, Goats and Lambs. Now since Christ is risen, this is the Sacrifice God requireth at our hands to have his Laws written in our hearts, to obey him, to love him, to honour him with our souls and bodies, in our holy Assemblies, and to keep his Sabbaths, to give him prayse for his love unto us, to trust in him, to pray unto him upon all occasions, to love mercy and to doe right, and justly, and to speak truth out of an honest heart: for the increase of Christs Kingdome of grace upon earth, and for the right of the innocent, poore and fatherlesse children and widdows, and oppressed people, and to pray unto God for all good things, in the name of Jesus Christ and for his sake alone to forgive us our sins; these sacrifices are more pleasing unto God then thousand rivers of Oile, or the bloud of all the cattle on a thousand hils. For now seeing Christ Jesus our High Priest is entred into heaven, there remayneth no more bloud to be shed for sins, for Christ Jesus the eternall Son of God hath once shed his precious bloud for the sins of all that lay hold on him by a lively faith, and maketh dayly intercession for he is the only Mediatour between God and man, for peace and salvation; for he loves us, and will give eternall life to all that with faith labour to keep his commandements: Christ Jesus our glorious Lord and Saviour is the way to Heaven, *hee is the truth and the light, No man can come to the Father but by him,* he hath God the Father sealed, and in him stands the covenant and the right to the faithfull which love him, even the Kingdome of Heaven, and all good things which hee sees needfull for them by sure promises of the mighty God which cannot be broken: and if God cast gold and silver corne, wine and Oile, and government, and the use of all the creatures, upon *Turkes*, Infidels and

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unfaithfull *Christians*, because hee made them reasonable men: Yet it is not blest unto them without the word of God, and prayer in the name of Christ Jesus, whereſoever Christ hath been preached unto them, for they muſt give account for government, for their riches, for their honour, for all their wrong and blaſphemous words, for all their abuſed knowledge of conjuring, witchcraft and for their abuſe of their knowledge of ſea and land, the Sun, Moon and Stars, and all Gods works of order and mercie, and his providence unto them and the light of their conſcience, all theſe ſhall witneſſe againſt heathen people, which will not follow the light of conſcience, which they have written in their hearts, and give honour, thanks, and worſhip to the great God of heaven and earth that gave them their being, but they will worſhip vain Idols ſtocks ſtones, and dumb creatures, kill and devoure one another, ſuch heathen people ſhall be turned into hell with all that forget God: Such Popiſh Chriſtians as confeſſe Chriſt Jeſus our Lord and Saviour, to be the onely Sonne of God, and yet if they doe deny him to be the onely mediator between God and man, and pray to Saints departed, and truſt to their own merits, and their own righteouſneſſe and good works, and conſider not the Law of God to be holy and pure, ſo right and ſtrait that no mortall man can wholy keep without the help of Chriſt Jeſus who was God and man, he keepeth Law perfectly, and did good all his life, and was obedient to God his Father, unto the very death: he hath aboundance of grace and good workes, he loveth righteouſneſſe and hateth iniquity, but mortall man is weak and ſinfull. The opening of the Law by our Saviour Chriſt Jeſus in the fifth, ſixth and ſeventh chapters of Saint *Matthew's* Goſpell, ſhewing mans weakneſſe plainly, when we have done all the good we can, we muſt ſay we are unprofitable ſervants, we muſt repent of the ill workes we have done, and deſire with teares and ſorrow *Chriſt Jeſus* to waſh them away with his precious bloud, and with a lively fayth, deſire him to accept of our good works, and to cover them with his good works, and then they will pleaſe God, and he will have delight in us; but if Popiſh Chriſtians hide Gods Word, the bread of life from many millions of men and women, which for want of true knowledge periſh,

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and cannot come to drinke of the water of life freely, the ſpirituall ſtock *Chriſt Jeſus* as they ſhould doe, this is an evill worke, and if they perſecute and murther harmleſſe people for their holy and ſpirituall worſhipping of God, which deny their own righteouſneſſe, and deſire with teares, faith and joy, to be cloathed with the righteouſneſſe of *Chriſt Jeſus*, then this is an evill wicked work alſo: For *Chriſt Jeſus* fulfilled the Law of God in every thing wholy, for the faithfull men and women which love him, and obey him, for in *Chriſt Jeſus* the holy Trinity, and bleſſed unity of God immortall and onely wiſe is well pleaſed, and his juſtice ſatisfied for the ſins of all the faithfull which love him with an upright heart, and God will not give the glory of his ſpirituall worſhip of mankinde to Saints or Angels nor yet the adoration of their bodies to dumb Images, for God is a jealous God of his glory and true worſhip, and will viſit the ſins of all idolaters without repentance, with eternall death and puniſhment in hell fire.

But, O *England!* and all Reformed Churches which have the Word of God to read in, which have faithfull Preachers to preach *Chriſt and amendment of life unto us*, which have wholſeme and true Books to read in, which have the Lords day kept and maintayned amongſt us, which have the Sacraments the Seals of *Chriſt Jeſus* love, giving unto us which have godly and needfull Prayers, Confeſſions, and Thankſgivings appointed and ſet out in the name of *Chriſt Jeſus* for to help the weak and confirme the ſtrong, which have had the example of many Martyrs in times of perſecutions under Biſhops and learned Doctours men and women of all conditions and eſtates; which have had godly Kings and Queenes, which have bin nurſing Fathers and nurſing Mothers unto *Chriſt Jeſus* true Church militant hereupon earth, and have defended the true faith with the Word of God, with the ſword of God, and maintayned true vertue, and puniſhed vice. O *England!* how mercifull is God unto us? if we will embrace his mercy, and know the mercifull times of his viſitation and love unto us: the name of the Lord God of Heaven and earth be prayſed, honoured, and ſanctified for evermore. Which hath ſent his mighty Word, the glad tydings of his Goſpell unto us, and cauſed it to be

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made more playnly read and preached in our own langnage; so that men and women need not sit in darkneſſe, nor walk in darkneſſe, except they ſuffer their underſtanding to be blinded with the Devill, and ſo become wilfull ſinners, worſe than *Turkes*, or Popiſh ignorant *Chriſtians*; and ſome wee have which are larger in their opinions then the Word of God, or the Church of God teacheth them, and ſo cauſe the Lord to chaſtize them with temporall puniſhment and ſin, are too curious and nice, not contented with the wholſome and pure doctrine of *Chriſt Jeſus*, which is preached in moſt places; but take offence at every trifle, and ſomtime at that which is very good through their ignorance, or elſe their pride and ſelf-conceitednesſe, and ſo make more diviſions and rents then need: theſe our brethren cauſe the Lord God to chaſtize them with temporall puniſhment alſo: and ſome doe what they can to ſerve the Lord God with an upright heart, and to maintayn the true worſhip of God peaceably, and ſo of weak and ſtrong the Lord God be prayſed: we doubt not, but that wee have hundred thouſands of faithfull *Chriſtians* in theſe Northweſt parts of the World; yea, *CHRIST JESUS* lovingly calleth all men to his Marriage and Noble Banquet, for ever to be betrothed to him in faith and love, here in this world militant, to obey him, and to truſt unto him, and to receive all things needfull from him, who knows our wants better then we, and after this ſhort life to be ſpiritually marryed to him in heaven for ever. But alas, unbelieving, ungodly men and women, have out of their foolhiſneſſe deſired excuſes, they love this world and the vain things thereof, of ſhort continuance, better then everlaſting Chriſt Jeſus full of all riches and glorious excellent dignity: *One hath marryed a wife and cannot come, another hath bought a farme and cannot come, another hath bought oxen and cannot come*, poorſilly excuſes all theſe things they have received of God for *Jeſus Chriſt* his ſake and they ſhould be helps for them to truſt in Chriſt, who having received good things from him already, but blinde fooliſh worldlings content themſelves ſo they may have mammon and worldly vanities rather then they will obey Chriſt Jeſus and truſt to him for everlaſting glorious poſſeſſions and ſo ſuch fooliſh men and women ſhall never be married to Chriſt

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which will not believe his word and obey him here, but they shall be divorced from him for ever, and sent to eternall misery, but yet the name of the Lord God of heaven and earth be praised and glorified for his own gracious promise, who hath promised that many shall come from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South, and shall sit down in the Kingdome of heaven with *Abraham*, *Isaack* and *Iacob*, yea, many thousands of men and women are very joyfull, glad and willing to come and prepare themselves with faith and amendment of life, for God hath chosen them, and those whom CHRIST JESUS hath chosen, and giving a lively faith, which worketh by love in him, there shall neither men nor devils be ever able to pull them out of Christs hands. for as many as believed in him to them hee gave power to be the Sonnes of God, and Christ Jesus will not lose one of them, but will glorifie them all in their tentations and infirmities, their slips and falls shall not pull them out of Christ Jesus his hands, God the Father gave them to him, and he is stranger then all: and in this world he will make them willing to come to Christ Jesus by faith and repentance.

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GOD will give an eternall Kingdome of glory in heaven for ever, where there ſhall be reſt, love, joy, peace, riches, honour, plenty and great knowledge, health, ſtrength, beauty, and fulneſſe of pleaſure for evermore; and God will wipe away all teares from their eyes, and place them in bliſfull plight in heavenly and glorious Manſions, where we ſhall behold our glorious, excellent and mighty God and Father, and his eternall love in *Ieſus Chriſt*, ſhining upon us to our everlaſting joy and comfort, and there we ſhall behold thouſand thouſand millions of men women and children changed like Angels, ſhining as bright as the Sun in their Fathers Kingdom all the good works and godly fruits all the Prayers, Humiliations, Faſtings and Teares which which we have ſhed for our ſins, and for the ſins of others; and in prayers for grace for others in obedience to *Chriſt Ieſus* Commandements, ſhall be rewarded in Heaven with eternall crownes of glory: all the good works of almeſdeeds, charity and love, which wee have done in giving to the poore, and in giving for the increaſe of *Chriſt Ieſus* Kingdome of grace here upon earth by our good example ſhall be rewarded in Heaven with eternall crowns of glory, all the contending and ſtriving for Gods true worſhip and godly truth, and ſtudying for equity, mercy, true juſtice and judgment in men that are called thereto, all the good works that men do through faith in obedience to *Chriſt Ieſus*, ſhall be rewarded in Heaven with eternall crowns of glory, all that have beene faithfull unto death

Mal.3.16.

death will God give a crown of life for ever; *Be thou faithfull unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life*: every man according to his works; all our patient sufferings, reproofs, slanders for *Christ Iesus* sake; all our godly meekneſſe and peace-making in obedience to *Christ Iesus* Laws ſhall be rewarded in Heaven with glorious crowns of happineſſe all the little good works which we have done in obedience to *Christ Iesus* Lawes through faith and love in *Christ Iesus*, will make them all well pleaſing to God, and he will reward them with exceeding great rewards: never did man imagine, nor his tongue able ſufficiently to ſpeak of the joys which God hath prepared for them that love him; there ſhall all the godly Kings and Queenes come which have maintayned Gods true worſhip, and loved the right; and have peace and reſt, and ſatisfying joys with full content, in beholding the glorious viſion of God Almighty for ever: there ſhall the godly Prieſts and Miniſters come which have preached Chriſt Ieſus, and his Lawes purely with an upright heart, and ſhine as bright as the Stars in Heaven: there ſhall godly Magiſtrates which have prayed to *God*, and ſtudied to find out the truth and ſo proceed in juſtice or mercy according to *Gods* Laws; for Chriſt Ieſus ſake finde reſt and joy for ever, there ſhall the rich bountifull men which have clothed Chriſts poore, miſerable and diſtreſſed members hereupon earth; and giving meat to them that wanted for Chriſt Ieſus ſake, they ſhall receive treaſure in Heaven, plenty for ever, there ſhall the poore man which hath been patient in his poverty, and prayed to *God* to ſupply his wants and truſted in *Gods* providence, and uſed the means that *God* hath appointed, and ſerved *God* with an upright heart in Heaven, hee ſhall have riches, plenty and honour enough; unto that City ſhall all faithfull married people come, and chaſt vertuous ſingle people which have loved Chriſt Ieſus, and his excellent righteouſneſſe to Heaven, alſo ſhall thouſands of innocent children come by *Gods* mercy which knew not their right hand from their left, by the meritorious humble works of *Chriſt Jeſus* the means to be uſed, baptizing; and God requireth the faithfull prayers of the parents; yea, many of all Nations ſhall come from the Eaſt, and from the Weſt, and from the

North and from the South; and shall sit downe in the Kingdome of Heaven, with *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*, and the rest of the Saints in that great and excellent City of our God, the heavenly *Jerusalem* so large, beautifull and great, that some of the Learned have said, the wombe of the mother is not so strait for the child, in respect of this large World, as is the Kingdome of Heaven in greatnesse and excellency above this World: and others affirme, that some of the Stars are greater then all the earth. The
Revel. 21. 16. description of the heavenly *Jerusalem*, in the *Revelation* of Saint *John* saith that it is twelve thousand furlongs long, and twelve thousand furlongs broad, and twelve thousand furlongs high; which maketh fifteen hundred miles every way: yet this place of Scripture doth not deny but that it may be infinite larger. O feare Jerusalem, how fair and beautifull is the City of our God? heaven is his throne, and earth is his footstool, heaven is his house wherein are many mansions for dwelling places for the sonnes and daughters of men in pleasure and joy for ever more. There would be much joy among a ship load of men, which at sea were almost drowned with stormes and tempests, in want of all good things should presently come to an Haven where they should have all entertainment with joy and hearty courtesie of the King, Princes and Nobles of the Country, and have gold and silver, and lands given them for ever: but a thousand times more joy will it be, when the wandring sonnes of men in the sea of this world, have almost been drowned with temptations: the waves of dispair, the rocks of pride, the number of vain desires and worldly lusts, and yet though the love of God and their faith in Jesus Christ shall not be cast away, but shall come to the haven of heaven, where they shall be entertained with all joy, the Lord God himself will entertain them, saying Come ye blessed of my Father, receive the Kingdome prepared for you, the heavenly Angels will be very joyfull to see heavie sinfull flesh and bloud to have passed this mortall death and trouble, and now changed so royally, and come to dwell with them in joy for ever, exceeding great joy will there be among the Saints when they shall see one another there, yea, their dearest friends and acquaintance: O the love, joy, and hearty

hearty good will that there will be when wee ſhall ſee *Abraham*, *Iſaack* and *Jacob*, and all the Prophets and Martyrs, *Adam* and *Evah*, and all our ancient predeceſſors, and our children and ſucceſſors which have lived godly, and truſted in Jeſus Chriſt; exceeding great joy and comfort will there be when all the Saints from the beginning of the world to the ending of the ſame are all come together to this heavenly Jeruſalem which is above, to ſee their glorious, excellent great and beautifull Lord God, and their redeemer and ſanctifier, the glorious viſion of almighty God, and his love unto them ſhall give them ſuch joy, that they ſhall praiſe him with delight for ever, and love one another moſt deerly for ever, becauſe they ſhall all be loved of God, and drinke of the full torrent and ocean of pleaſure for ever, the pure river of water of life is there ever flowing, the pleaſant tree of life is there ever growing, and yielding alwayes forth pleaſant fruit, the gate, and walls of that City of diamonds, pearles, and precious ſtones, the *Revel.* 21. houſes and ſtreets of that City, more pure then gold; all the cities of this heavenly Jeruſalem more glorious then Kings: but into that Citie ſhall no unclean perſon come no murderers, nor adulterers nor idolaters, nor covetous nor thieves, nor enviers of goodneſſe, nor ſlanderers, nor ſuch as love lies, nor careleſſe people of Gods true worſhip, except they be waſhed clean by faith and repentance in the bloud of Chriſt Jeſus our Lord and Saviour.

But O Lord, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, give us grace
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BUt yet, alas, with sorrow I am forced to mourn in this world when I see wicked and ungodly men to run headlong to hel, and destruction: for hell is prepared for wilfull rebellious sinners; assure as Heaven is prepared for faithfull repenting sinners; our Saviour, the Prophets and the Apostles proves it plainly, the fearfull punishment and torment which our Lord and Saviour Christ Iesus hath foretold shall come to ungodly, unfaithfull, and obstinate sinners, should make them feare and repent, and seeke for mercy, while they are in this world before that fearfull day of judgement to come when there shall be no more mercy for them that would not seeke it in this life, but the foolish worldlings of this world will not repent *The foole hath said in his heart there is no God*, the fool hath said that the Al-seeing God doth not see all his bad works, and the evill thoughts of his heart he will not repent; the foole hath denied in his heart Gods power, will and justice; hee thinks God will not rayse up the dead bodies of mankind spiritually restored in more strength and nimblenesse, the good and faithfull to be partakers of his mercy in Heaven for ever; and the unfaithfull, the fearfull, the adulterers, the slanderers, the murderers, the covetous, the envious, the Idolaters, the unthankfull, the careleſse people of Gods true worship, and such like to be punished in hell torments for ever, except they repent and amend their lives, and run to God for mercy in the name of Christ Iesus his well beloved Son, and then will Christ Iesus gather them as the Hen gathereth her chickins under her wings, and save them from the wrath of God and from the power and envy of the Devill: and Christ Iesus will wash away their sins in his precious blond, and

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make them as white as ſnow and woell, beloved to God for ever: but if ungodly men will not repent their ſins and returne to God for mercy and judge themſelves worthy to dye for their ſins, then thoſe wofull threatnings and curſings which are written in the word of God muſt needs fall upon them, *Go you curſed into everlaſting hell fire prepared for the Devill and his angels, and take the unprofitable ſervant, and caſt him into utter darkneſſe, where ſhall be weeping, wayling and gnaſhing of teeth.* And againe, take the man which had not on the wedding garment of faith and repentance or the righteouſneſſe of Chriſt Ieſus, *binde him hand and foot and caſt him into utter darkneſſe, where ſhall be weeping and gnaſhing of teeth: It is better for thee to pull out thy right eye, and to caſt it from thee,* that is, thy deareſt, darling and beſt beloved ſins that will offend and diſpleaſe thee: then having thy *ſins to be caſt into hell fire, where the worme dyeth not, and the fire never goeth out.* And again, *Tophet is prepared of old for ungodly, faithleſſe men, the burning of it is great, and the wrath of the Lord like a river of brimſtone ſhall kindle it.* And again *Hell beneath is moved to meet thee, and the wicked people go down to Hell; and all the people that forget God; and God will wound the hoary ſcalpe of him that goeth on in his wickedneſſe, and upon the ungodly God will rain ſnares of fire and brimſtone, ſtorme and tempeſt: this is their portion to drinke, and tribulations horrour and anguiſh ſhall be upon the head of every one that doth evill: Hell is a darke priſon, large and great, and the wrath of the Lord doth afflict divers torments upon them,* beſides the pain of loſſe, whereof commeth the worme of conſcience, which grief is as great as the other when they ſhall remember the loſſe of Heaven that large great and glorious place of pleaſure and refreſhing, which they juſtly and madly have loſt by their greedy ſins, and have ſold their birthright to Heaven for trifles, if they would have truſted in Chriſt and have loved his laws, and now they know all is gone, becauſe they loved lying vanities and looſe behaviour: now all hope is gone for ever, too late repentance will doe them no good, at this remembrance, grief, the worme of conſcience will byte them, and they will curſe themſelves, and curſe their wicked acquaintence

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which drew them on to sins in this world, and wish that their torment might make an end of them, but that is impossible they must lye in prison for ever: Death gnaweth upon them for ever; the second death of body and soul: so strait was *Dives* in Hell, *that he asked but for a drop of water to coole his tongue, and could not have it, whose fare in this world was delicious, and his drinke of the best wine:* also, *The Lord Iesus will come from Heaven in flaming fire, rendring vengeance to them that obey not his Gospell:* and another grief followeth to the damned, God and his Angels, and his Saints shall laugh them to scorne; for in this world they grieved the good spirit of the holy ghost which put Gods thoughts in their hearts, and they gave place to the Devill and his evill motions, they grieved the good Angels with their sins in this world, and they grieved and vexed the Saints in this world, the godly Ministers that taught them the word of God, wept and prayed for them, they vexed their godly Neighbours and godly friends, which gave them good counsell, and mourned for them in this world: but when the day of judgment came, and when the Angell of the covenant hath sworne that that time shall be no more, then the Saints and Angels shall all rejoyce at Gods righteous judgments: For in Heaven is no mourning, although they see their brothers, sisters, fathers, sonnes and acquaintance sent to hell by Gods justice, but they shall say; *Just and true are thy judgments, ô Lord God, King of Saints! for their destruction is from themselves, they have made themselves the children of the Devill:* but while time lasteth in this world, wisdome stretcheth out her hand all the day long, saying, *Turne yee from your evill ways, Why will yee die, ô ye sons of men, The Lord desires not the death of a sinner, but that he should turn from his evill ways*, and lay fast hold on the promises of his Son *Christ Jesus*, and if thou wilt turn away from thy evill works, and love all Gods laws with an upright heart, thou shalt surely live, and have all thy sins forgiven thee; for the Lord Iesus suffered most cruell torments, and shed his most precious bloud for those people which are truly humbled before him, and which do see their sins and confesse them to God, and are weary of them, and desire God for *Jesus Christ* sake, his only

Prov. 1. 20, 21, 22, 23.

only ſon to forgive them all, and pray to God for help and grace, to ſtand in his feare and love to all thoſe people, the Lord Ieſus our Saviour hath made moſt great and precious promiſes, wherein ſtands our very life and comfort, and an aſſured hope of eternall life and ſalvation, if we take heed unto them, then be not fearfull to obey *Chriſt Jeſus* commandements, ô doubtfull ſoul, *For he calleth all thoſe that be weary and heavy laden with their ſins, and hee will refreſh them*: and again, *Feare not little flock, it is your Fathers will to give you a Kingdome*: and again, *If the Son of God ſhall make you free, you ſhall be free indeed*: and again, *The houre commeth when all that are in the graves ſhall heare the voyce of the Son of God, and they ſhall ariſe, the good that have done good to the reſurrection of life eternall, the bad that have done evill to the reſurrection of condemnation*: and again, *I goe to the Father to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there you may be alſo*: and again, *I am the living bread which came down from Heaven, if any man eat of this bread with the ſpirit of faith, he ſhall live for ever*: and again, *I am the good ſhepherd, the good ſhepherd giveth his life for his ſheep, and I give unto them eternall life, and they ſhall never periſh, neyther ſhall any man pluck them out of my hand, the Father which gave them to me is greater then all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Fathers hand*: and again *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the World giveth, give I unto you: Let not your hearts be troubled, neyther let them be afraid, as my Father hath loved me, ſo have I loved you, continue you in my love if you keep my commandements, yee ſhall abide in my love, theſe things I command you, that you love one another*: and Saint *Peter* ſayth, *Give all diligence to make your calling and election ſure, add to your faith vertue, and to your vertue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godlineſſe, and to godlineſſe brotherly kindneſſe, and to brotherly kindneſſe charity, for if theſe things be in you, and abound, they will make you that you ſhall not be barren nor unfruitfull in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.* But hee that lacketh theſe things is blind and cannot ſee afar off, and hath forgotten that hee was purged from his old ſins: *Wherefore, Brethren, give all diligence* 2 Pet. 1. 5, 6, 7.

to make your calling and election ſure: for if you doe theſe things yee ſhall never fall, for ſo an entrance ſhall be miniſtred unto you abundantly into the everlaſting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Ieſus Chriſt; and Saint *Paul* ſayth, *That the fruits of the ſpirit is love, joy, peace, long-ſuffering, gentleneſſe, goodneſſe, faith, godly meekneſſe, temperance*; againſt ſuch there is no law, the more men have of theſe graces in faith, in Chriſt Ieſus, the more the holy Ghoſt doth witneſſe unto us our aſſured hope of eternall ſalvation, God in mercy will bring alſo to Heaven many innocent children born within the covenant of grace, by the vertue of Chriſt Ieſus meritorious workes; and many men and women of all Nations, whoſe graces were but few, and their faith but ſmall; If their faith were true, and if they uſed their ſmall knowledge, or two talents well, *Chriſt Ieſus will have them enter into their Maſters joy*, yet *Chriſt Ieſus* ſayth, *Not every one which cryeth, Lord, Lord, ſhall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doth the will of my Father which is in Heaven, and many will ſay in that day unto Chriſt Ieſus, We have done great works in thy name, but he will ſay unto them, Depart from me ye workers of iniquity*, your workes were vain, counterfeit and falſe; *depart from me, I know you not*: but, ô Lord, for Ieſus Chriſt ſake grant us true humble hearts, upright before thee, that when the Bridegroome Chriſt Ieſus ſhall come with thouſands of Angels, that wee with the reſt of his Church; the Bride may enter in with him: where wee may behold his moſt glorious Majeſty, to prayſe and magnifie his holy bleſſed and name for evermore.

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A PRAYER.

O *Moſt high and ever-living and everlaſting God, beyond all thoughts moſt high and mighty Lord God, which dwelleſt in pure brightneſſe and excellent Majeſty, all glorious in thy ſelfe, and haſt no need of the glory of any of thy creatures, but they receive their glory and excellent parts from thee: What then are men or women in themſelves before thee or the ſons of men, that thou ſhouldſt regard them, for they are weak and ſinfull? but thou, ô Lord! art holy and mighty, righteous, juſt and mercifull, and giving unto mankind juſt and righteous laws which are good for themſelves: and thou, ô mercifull Lord God haſt made mercifull, temporall promiſes unto the ſons of men, and keepeſt them ſure and conſtant, in preſerving, the whole World, in keeping it from firing and drowning in reſtraining the rage and fury of wicked men, and evill ſpirits that would deſtroy it, thy mercy is ſeen, ô Lord! alſo mightily in ſending food and raiment ſufficient for the whole World, fit for their habitation: ſo that if there be any want, it is commonly the cruelty or fooliſhneſſe of man. In mercy, ô Lord! thou ſendeſt Summer and Winter, day and night, Seed-time and Harveſt, the ebbing flowing and of the Seas, the fiſh abiding and comming to ſever all Countries in their ſeaſon! thy mercy is ſeen, ô Lord! in bleſſing the fowls of the aire, and the beaſts of the field unto mankind, the corn, flowers, graſſe,*

herbs, with the fruits of the trees: ſo in mercy, ô Lord! thou ſendeſt Gold, Silver, Braſſe, Iron, and all metals for the uſe and benefit of man: Silk from Wormes, Wooll from Sheep, Leather and Furs from beaſts great and ſmall, Diamonds and all kind of Pearles from Sea and Land: for the ſeating of mankind in their ſeverall degrees, not to puff them up with pride, to abuſe their brethren, but rather to raiſe up their thoughts to praiſe their Creatour, and to deſire with humility the grace to ſerve God here in this world, that they may come to the glorious everlaſting place, which God hath prepared for his people, ô Lord God! thou art our Creatour, there is no good to be had out from thee and thy providence: we were nothing, ô Lord God, and thou madeſt us men and women, we fell from thee, and became worſe then nothing: and thou ô holy and bleſſed Trinity tookſt pity on us: and thou, ô merciſull Jeſus, becammeſt a loving and merciſull Saviour unto us, thy mercy, ô glorious and excellent ſweet Jeſus is more greater in redeeming mankind, then any men are Abel: to expreſſe ô glorious heavenly Father, thou haſt made us thy children, thy holy Son Jeſus will make us holy: ô holy and bleſſed ſpirit, thou ſanctifieſt thy people, and teacheſt them the way and the truth: and thou ô bleſſed ſpirit makeſt them ſtrong and valiant to hold out in thy feare, and ſerves to the end of our lives, ô holy, holy, holy, and bleſſed Trinity, and Lord God, high and Almighty, to thee be all glory for ever. All thy works praiſe thee, ô Lord God, and magnifie thy holy name for ever: and now, ô moſt holy and everliving God and moſt merciſull Father in Jeſus Chriſt, we humbly beſeech thee for Jeſus Chriſt ſake to give us grace to live godly, ſoberly, lovingly, and zealous of Gods true worſhip,

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and glory. And grant, ô Lord! for Jeſus Chriſt ſake that wee may bring forth godly and charitable fruit in Chriſt Jeſus: to the honour and glory of thy name: and make us, ô Lord, for Jeſus Chriſt truly thankfull unto thee, for the free and true preaching of thy word in all theſe North-weſt parts of the World. And wee beſeech thee, ô Lord God, for Jeſus Chriſt ſake, in thy good time, to ſend againe thy true, plain and lively word to be preached, to be believed and mayntained in the other parts of the World, that they and we may at the laſt through thy exceeding great and wonderfull mercy in Jeſus Chriſt, come to thy Kingdom to praiſe thy Name with joy for evermore: Amen. All glory, praiſe and thanks be given unto thee, ô eternall and everliving Almighty Lord God, both now and for evermore, World without end. Amen.

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